

**Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd
Board Meeting
10.00 a.m.
15 March 2007
Agenda
Substitution Pty Ltd
1/484 William Street, North Melbourne**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting of 18 January 2007 .
3. Co-operative Education
4. australia.coop
5. Housing Co-operatives
6. Small co-operatives and audit requirements
7. Co-operation between co-operatives
8. Other matters – Danish Co-operator visit, Not-For-Profit Regulation, Executive Officer and Co-operative Legislation.
9. Next meeting: 10:00 am, 17 May 2007

2. Minutes of the previous meeting of 18 January 2007.

These were emailed to directors on 21 January 2007.

3. Co-operative Education

Graeme Charles to report including:

Co-operativesWA
Retail Co-operative Workshop
Brochure
NCUA
Gardiner Foundation – interim report forwarded and enclosed.

After discussion between David Griffiths and Helen McCall, CFNSW support for retail co-ops was emailed to directors on 02 March 2007.

Tony O'Shea will report on a possible Avoca workshop.

Tony O'Shea and Graeme Charles to report on meeting with Michael White on 27 February 2007. Directors were advised by email on 07 February 2007 and invited to attend.

Co-operative College (UK) website article Identity, values and Principles in Australia emailed to directors on 31 January 2007.

4. australia.coop

New records were created in January and February 2007 for australia.coop with over 25,000 visitors each month.

This is the equivalent of over 300,000 visitors over a 12 month period.

These are the highest number of visitors to australia.coop since its establishment in January 2003.

Site Monitoring

Arrangements have been made for the site to be monitored every 5-15 minutes:

Statistics Summary for australiacoop (www.australia.coop)

Since: February 16, 2007

Outages: 5

Total Uptime: 99.827%

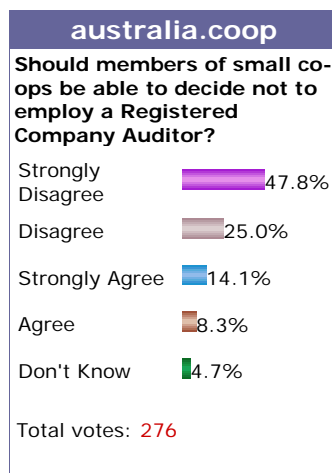
Year	Outages	Uptime
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2007	5	99.827%		
Year	Month	Outages	Uptime	Downtime
2007	March	1	99.826%	0.174%
2007	February	4	99.828%	0.172%

Average response time: 0.148 seconds

Upgrading

Some upgrading is underway to enhance front page flexibility and the following menus – About us, Federations, Formation, Issues, Profiles, Publications, Education, Links. Work is also underway to reconfigure the icanewsfeed so that if the feed is not working it will not prevent the rest of the page from loading although the ICA seems to have stabilised its newsfeeds. The australia.coop poll has been subject to unusual voting activity over short periods of time:



Updating

Updates since 18 January 2007 - new and updated files/pages (66):

Article Manager (35)

AWB Consultation (22 January)
 Bega Cheese (04 February)
 Bulletin Board Removal (02 February)
 Carsharing Co-operatives (31 January)
 CAV and Co-operatives? (13 February)
 CFV Board Meeting (19 January)
 CFV Priorities and Strategies (21 January)
 Co-operative Education and the NCRM (03 February)
 Co-operative takeover - Bega & Tatura (13 February)
 Corporate Imperialism and Co-operatives (02 February)

Credit Union Merger (24 February 2007)
Credit Union Merger in Tasmania (19 January)
Dairy Farmers and Fonterra (13 February)
Fonterra's Australian Managing Director (31 January)
Fonterra Interim results (31 January)
Fonterra - list it and lose it (24 February 2007)
Fonterra Price increase (31 January)
Housing Co-operative Meeting (23 January)
ICA Digest March 2007 (07 March 2007)
International women's Day - 8 march 2007 (07 March 2007)
Liberal Co-operation (27 February 2007)
MG - Murray Goulburn Bonus (05 March 2007)
MG - Murray Goulburn Price Increase (05 March 2007)
Misleading Demutualisation (25 February 2007)
National Housing Co-operative Conference (14 February)
New Record for February 2007 (05 March 2007)
New Record for January 2007 (02 February 2007)
Northern Suburbs Housing Co-operative Ltd (01 February)
Rev. W.A. Pooley on Maryknoll (03 February)
Santamaria and Co-operation (8 February)
Small Co-ops and Audits (21 January)
Small Co-ops and Audit Poll (05 February)
The Democracy Principle: Farmer Co-operatives in Twentieth Century Australia (20 Nov 06 and amended 18 Feb)
Victoria's Fake Co-operatives (20 January)
Why form a co-operative? (21 January) Article Manager (26)

Rest of public site (18)

Abacus.jpg
AFD.jpg
Co-opCollege.jpg
Education
FAQ's
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Links
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b-members (13)
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Breport18January2007
Co-operativesWA report on 19 January 2007 teleconference
Correspondence
Directors
Illustrating the PHP Problem (Derek Latocha)
Interim Report to Gardiner Foundation, December 2006

mdandwebsitedown exchange of emails 17 and 18 February 2007 (PDF)

Minutes

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Other

updatesince18january2007 x 7

Website Down Report (derek Latocha)

5. Housing Co-operatives

The Chairman, Tony O'Shea, will report on meeting with Robert Macbeth, Manager, Social Housing Sector on 18 January 2007. A report was emailed to directors and posted to australia.coop on 23 January 2007.

Copy of CHFV brochure on co-operative housing conference emailed to directors on 14 February 2007.

6. Small co-operatives and audit requirements

Report on David Griffiths and Graeme Charles meeting with Wendy Lovell , Shadow Spokesperson Consumer Affairs, emailed to directors on 26 February 2007.

7. Co-operation between Co-operatives

Tony O'Shea to report.

Co-operatives Teleconference, 11.00am – 12.10 pm., 19 January 2007 Participants: Chris Enright and Peter Wells (Co-operativesWA), Jim Sneesby and Helen McCall (CFNSW) and Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths (CFV) Outcome: There will be a meeting following the CFNSW co-operatives conference (17-18 May 2007) on Saturday 19 May 2007. All Federations to be invited. Co-operativesWA will co-ordinate the agenda in liaison with other Federations. CFNSW will organise the venue. Meeting duration will depend on agreed agenda and the need to adequately progress through agenda items. There was agreement of the need for more regular communication and liaison between the State Federations to establish a better knowledge and understanding of activities and priorities and the political and operational context for each Federation and this would provide a basis for identifying possibilities for mutual support and common action e.g. mutual recognition, australia.coop, Co-operative College, the International Co-operative Alliance and co-operative education in secondary schools. Action for Victoria: Identify agenda items and any supportive briefs e.g. co-operative education, australia.coop, Australian membership of the International Co-operative Alliance and a National Executive Officer and liaison with Victorian Registry of Co-operatives on mutual recognition and CCU's and inclusion of these in discussions with the Minister for Consumer Affairs.

Co-operativesWA report on teleconference emailed to directors on 31 January 2007.

www.fdb.dk

8. Other Matters

8.1. Danish Co-operator Visit

Graeme Charles to report on his meeting with Ebbe Lundgaard

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8.2 Not-For Profit Regulation

State Services Authority is reviewing Not For Oprofit Regulation. Documentation emailed to directors on 01 March 2007.

8.3 Executive Officer

Job description of last Executive Officer emailed to directors on 22 January 2007.

8.4 Co-operative Legislation

Email from CFSA re co-operative legislation emailed to directors on 19 February 2007.

David Griffiths

Secretary

08 March 2007